

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 24, 2008
6:30 P.M.**

The Murray City Council met in regular session on Thursday, July 24, 2008, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, with Mayor Rushing presiding.

Council Members Present: Danny Hudspeth, David Ramey, Dan Miller, Pat Scott, Jeremy Bell, Butch Seargent, Linda Cherry, Pete Lancaster, Jason Pittman, Robert Billington, Jane Brandon, Butch Seargent, and Bill Wells.

Council Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Ken Claud, J. L. Barnett, David Roberts, Ron Allbritten, Don Rogers, Dennis Thompson, Philip Morris, Cathy Morris, Michael Skinner, Matt Mattingly, Harla McClure, and Warren Hopkins.

Minutes of the council meeting held July 10, 2008, were presented for approval. **Mr. Pittman moved, seconded by Mr. Ramey**, to approve the minutes as written. With no discussion, Mayor Rushing called for a voice vote, which was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Ordinance Number 2008-1466 (second reading) an ordinance was presented to the council on a second reading to rezone a 3.198 acre portion of land located at 621 and 623 North 4th Street from R-2 (single family residential) to B-2 (highway business) based on the following findings: 1) the property is currently split zoned making the residential part of the property landlocked; 2) the existing zoning is inappropriate and the proposed zoning is more appropriate; 3) the front part of this property has been zoned for commercial use since approximately 1974. Said property is owned by Dan and JoAnne Roberts as co-executors of the Heloise Roberts Estate. The Planning Commission approved said recommendation by a vote of 9-0. **Mr. Billington moved, seconded by Mr. Scott** to adopt said Ordinance. With no discussion, Mayor Rushing called for the roll call vote which is recorded as follows:

AYES: Danny Hudspeth, Dan Miller, David Ramey, Robert Billington, Jane Brandon, Pete Lancaster, Jeremy Bell, Jason Pittman, Linda Cherry, Butch Seargent, Pat Scott, and Bill Wells.

NAYES: None.

Mayor Rushing declared said ordinance adopted on a second reading and recorded in Ordinance Book Number 7, Page _____.

Ordinance Number 2008-1467 (second reading) an ordinance was presented to the council on a second reading rezoning property located at 111 Poplar Street from Industrial to B-3 (central business) based on the following findings: 1) the property has not been used for industrial purposes for several years due to the size and location of the building; 2) most

industrial uses are locating to the north side of the city in the current Industrial Park on Max Hurt Drive; 3) the EDC is proposing a new Industrial Park to be located on Highway 641 North; 4) the renovation of this historic building will raise opportunities for new residential/commercial development in the downtown area; and 5) the property is contiguous to the B-3 zoning district to the northwest. Said property is owned by Larry Herndon. The Planning Commission approved said recommendation by a vote of 9-0. **Mr. Lancaster moved, seconded by Mr. Pittman** to adopt said ordinance. With no discussion, Mayor Rushing called for the roll call vote which is recorded as follows:

AYES: Danny Hudspeth, Dan Miller, David Ramey, Robert Billington, Jane Brandon, Pete Lancaster, Jeremy Bell, Jason Pittman, Linda Cherry, Butch Seargent, Pat Scott, and Bill Wells.

NAYES: None.

Mayor Rushing declared said ordinance adopted on the second reading and recorded in Ordinance Book Number 7, Page _____.

Ordinance Number 2008-1468 (second reading) an ordinance was presented to the council on a second reading amending §156.064, Findings Necessary for Map Amendment. **Mr. Pittman moved, seconded by Mr. Billington** to adopt said ordinance. Mr. Roberts stated this change is requested to mirror KRS. With no further discussion, Mayor Rushing called for the roll call vote which is recorded as follows:

AYES: Danny Hudspeth, Dan Miller, David Ramey, Robert Billington, Jane Brandon, Pete Lancaster, Jeremy Bell, Jason Pittman, Linda Cherry, Butch Seargent, Pat Scott, and Bill Wells.

NAYES: None.

Mayor Rushing declared said ordinance adopted on a second reading and recorded in Ordinance Book Number 7, Page _____.

Ordinance Number 2008-1469 (first reading) an ordinance amending Section 50.03, Connect Fees and Service charges, of the City of Murray Code of Ordinances in order to bring it in line with the Kentucky Revised Statutes regarding cold check fees which have increased from \$25.00 to \$50.00 was presented to the council for approval. **Mr. Bell moved, seconded by Mr. Lancaster** to approve said ordinance. With no discussion, Mayor Rushing called for the roll call vote which is recorded as follows:

AYES: Danny Hudspeth, Dan Miller, David Ramey, Robert Billington, Jane Brandon, Pete Lancaster, Jeremy Bell, Jason Pittman, Linda Cherry, Butch Seargent, Pat Scott, and Bill Wells.

NAYES: None.

Mayor Rushing declared said ordinance approved on a first reading.

Municipal Order 2009-010 reappointing John Weatherly to the Electric Plant Board for a four year term which will expire July 24, 2012. **Mr. Billington moved, seconded by Dr. Miller** to approve said municipal order. With no further discussion, Mayor Rushing called for the voice call vote which was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Declare as Surplus certain vehicles and property for sale at auction to be held on July 25, 2008. **Mr. Pittman moved, seconded by Mr. Lancaster** to declare said property surplus. With no further discussion, Mayor Rushing called for the voice vote which was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Declare as Surplus a 2005 Ford Interceptor, VIN 2FAFP71W65X129050, from the Police Department as surplus so that it may be transferred to the Murray Calloway County Transit Authority. Chief Claud stated the vehicle will be used for administrative purposes. **Mr. Hudspeth moved, seconded by Mr. Lancaster** to declare said vehicle surplus and to transfer it. With no further discussion, Mayor Rushing called for the voice vote which was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Mayor Rushing recognized Don Leet to discuss natural gas rates. Mr. Leet stated that the rates are going to increase this winter and he provided the attached handout to outline the rates and their history. He also stated that even though natural gas is going to be higher this winter, it is still cheaper than both electricity and propane. Rose Wilson, Office Manager for Murray Municipal Utilities, provided the council with a copy of a letter that was sent to all customers informing them of the budget billing option that would be available. A sheet outlining steps that could be taken by consumers to weatherize their home was also provided. Mr. Lancaster questioned if we had contacted local businesses who do this type of work to see if they would give a discount to homeowners who were our customers. She stated that we had not but that we can explore that option.

With no further business to come before the council, the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

H. Thomas Rushing, Mayor

Attest:

Harla McClure, City Clerk